(vii) building of an electronic data base of offenders.

(viii) conducting training programmes for law enforcement officials for upgrading their skills to combat drug trafficking.

Strength of officers/staff in Tihar Jail

2259. SHRILALITSURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength of the officers and staff, cadre-wise of Tihar Jail in Delhi as on 31st March, 2004;

(b) the actual number of the officers and staff, cadre-wise, working there as on the same date; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken to bridge the gap between the sanctioned and the actual strength of the officers and staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The sanctioned strength of officers and staff in Tihar Jail and the number of officials in position as on 31st March, 2004 were as mentioned below:

SI. No.	Cadre	Number of Sanctioned posts	Number of posts filled up
1.	Jail Cadre	1373	872
2.	Medical and Para Medical Cadre	178	132
3.	Delhi Administrative Subordinate staff	150	105
	TOTAL:	1701	1109

(c) All the vacant posts have been notified to the concerned recruiting/ deputing agencies and the department is pursuing the matter with them for filling up the vacant posts at the earliest.

Overcrowding in Tihar Jail

2260. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi's Tihar Jail is overcrowded;

(b) the actual number of inmates in Tihar Jail as on 31st March, 2004 as against the normal capacity as on that date; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken to normalize the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The actual number of prisoners lodged in Tihar Jail as on 31.3.2004 was 12,898 as against the sanctioned capacity of 4000 prisoners.

(c) The action taken to solve the problem of overcrowding in Tihar Jail include: construction of three new Jails, organizing Special Courts in jail complex itself to dispose of cases relating to petty and minor offences; and taking up the matter with the District and Sessions Judge and the High Court of Delhi for early release of such prisoners who even after grant of bail, are not released for non-furnishing of surety bonds.

Crimes in Delhi

†2261. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of murder, abduction, dacoity, rape, molestation of women and theft that occurred in Delhi during the period of 1st May, 2004 to 31st July, 2004; and

(b) the number of criminals arrested for the said crimes alongwith incident-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The incidents of murder, abduction, decoity, rape, molestation of women and theft reported during the period of 1st May, 2004 to 31st July, 2004 and the persons arrested in connection with these crimes during the aforesaid period are indicated below:

Crime Head	Number of incidents reported	Persons arrested
Murder	119	181
Abduction	81	9
Dacoity	9	38

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.